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**COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES**  
**FISH AND GAME COMMISSION**

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March 22, 2005

The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**Fish and Game Propagation Fund Grant Awards  
(All Supervisorial Districts)  
(3-Votes)**

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD** approve a \$5,000 Fish and Game Propagation Fund grant request to fund the stocking of Whittier Narrows Lake with catfish for the July 8-9, 2005 "All Night Family Fishing Derby" sponsored by the Department of Parks and Recreation.

**PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

The Los Angeles County Fish and Game Commission, at its March 17, 2005 meeting, approved recommending your Honorable Board support this grant from the Fish and Game Propagation Fund. Since 1952, the Commission has supported activities and projects overseeing the propagation and protection of fish and game. The Commission continues to promote the best methods for the propagation and protection of fish and game in the state of California and Los Angeles County. The Commission has determined that the grant request will promote a health respect for the environment and reinforce the propagation of fish and game, thus benefiting Los Angeles County and the State of California.

**FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

There is no impact on the General Fund. The approved expenditure will be charged to the Fish and Game Propagation Fund, which has sufficient funds to cover this cost. The Los Angeles County Fish and Game Propagation Fund is financed from a percentage of penalty assessments collected relating to Fish and Game Code violations in Los Angeles County.

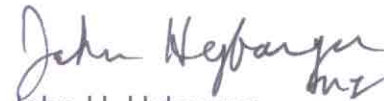
**FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

Section 13100 of the Fish and Game Code establishes guidelines for the expenditure of fines levied for fish and game code violations. It includes public education relating to the scientific principles of fish and wildlife conservation, consisting of supervised formal instruction carried out pursuant to a planned curriculum and aids to education such as literature, audio and video recordings, training models, and nature study facilities.

**IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

None.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "John Hybarger" with a stylized flourish at the end.

John H. Hybarger  
Chairman

JHH: ml: pp

Attachments

AGENDA ITEM 6

LOS ANGELES COUNTY FISH AND GAME COMMISSION

GRANT APPLICATION TITLE PAGE

TITLE OF PROJECT/PROGRAM All Night Family Fishing Derby

NAME OF ORGANIZATION County of Los Angeles Department of parks and Recreation  
[As it appears on (501) (c) (3) IRS letter]

ADDRESS 823 Lexington-Gallatin Road

CITY South El Monte STATE CA ZIP CODE 91733

TELEPHONE NUMBER (626) 575-5526 FAX NUMBER (626) 448-7308

AMOUNT REQUESTED \$5,000.00

BOARD CHAIRPERSON \_\_\_\_\_

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR \_\_\_\_\_

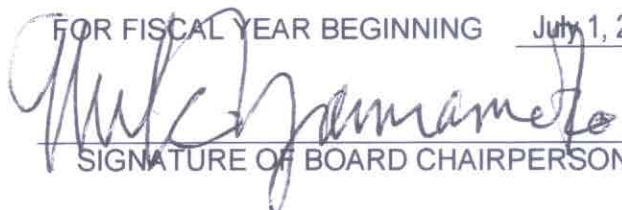
CONTACT PERSON \_\_\_\_\_

TITLE \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE NUMBER(S) \_\_\_\_\_

AUDITED TOTAL INCOME 36,286,000 AUDITED TOTAL EXPENSES 109,282,000

FOR FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING July 1, 2004 AND ENDING June 30, 2005

  
SIGNATURE OF BOARD CHAIRPERSON

02/24/05  
DATE

Note to Applicant: Complete this title page and attach all grant application materials prior to submission.



One Page Project Summary

The County of Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation, Whittier Narrows Regional Park, is requesting \$ 5,000.00, in funding from the County of Los Angeles Fish and Game Commission for the purpose of providing an All Night Family Fishing Derby at Whittier Narrows Regional Park. The funding will be utilized July 08, 2005. The site is located at:

Whittier Narrows Legg Lake, 751 South Santa Anita Avenue, South El Monte, CA 91733

Funding will be used to provide an additional catfish stocking for the night fishing derby, advertisement, prizes, trophies, bait and tackle for the event. This event will be held in conjunction with the Department of Fish and Game Educational section. The program is designed to provide a family oriented recreational activity to residents of Los Angeles County while offering environmental education and enhancing the interest of fishing in at-risk youth and their families.

In the past, the Department of Fish and Game has provided fishing opportunities at County operated lakes, offering a valuable recreational activity to local communities surrounding the park. County residents, both young and old and of varying household income levels, partake in the enjoyable and relaxing environment that fishing has to offer.

Funding through the Fish and Game Commission will allow Whittier Narrows to offer a family oriented event, emphasizing the education and fun of fishing to at-risk youth and their families. In the past seven years, this event has drawn approximately 24,500 Los Angeles County residents, allowing families to participate in a low cost recreational opportunity that is well organized and supervised.

Trophies and fishing poles are given for the first, second, and third place winners in three age categories. All participants have an opportunity to win one of one hundred and fifty (150) door prizes. The evenings' event is a positive, safe, family-oriented program that will give everyone a chance to enjoy the opportunity to learn more about the exciting sport of fishing.

## **BACKGROUND ON APPLICANT'S ORGANIZATION**

### Purpose and Goals

The County of Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation, Whittier Narrows Regional Park's mission is to meet the diverse leisure needs and recreational interests of more than a million residents of Los Angeles County that use the 1,400 acres of Whittier Narrows annually. This unique facility is comprised of many special interest areas. A 419 acre natural area which is a protected wildlife preserve with two lakes and 1,100 acres of open space for sporting activities, picnics and fishing.

### Brief Summary of Current Activities

Whittier Narrows currently provides four fishing derbies per year working in conjunction with the education department of Fish and Game. This facility offers an enjoyable opportunity to residents of all ages to participate in a variety of activities. The current level of service offered at the facility provides the community open space to enjoy family picnics, fishing, riding, walking and equestrian trails. Whittier Narrows also provides low cost community special events, organized sports programs, and hobby activities throughout the year.

### Geographic Area Served

The County parks and programs are open to everyone without regard to race, ethnicity, income level or place of residence. Local parks are generally considered to have a service radius of ½ to 2 miles, while regional parks are not generally considered to have a service radius and thus can draw participants from areas that are remote from the park.

The Department's vast resources include more than 65,000 acres of public open space and recreational areas spread throughout the 4,083 square miles of the County and located in various communities from Rancho Palos Verdes to East Los Angeles to the Antelope Valley that differ greatly in ethnicity, income levels, population densities and many other socioeconomic characteristics.

Major Sources and Dollar Amounts of Corporate, Foundation and Government Support During Current and Past Fiscal Year.

Each year, Whittier Narrows Regional Park maintains its park facilities through a combination of Department General Fund moneys, user fees, donations, sponsorships, grants and endowments.

Low cost community based events are dependent on sponsorships and donations to enable the facility to offer these events to the residents. There is no Department funding for the community-based recreational programs such as the fishing derbies.

One of this Facility's main objective is seeking additional funding to enhance community programming at Whittier Narrows Regional Park and to continue providing inner-city fishing to the public.

History of All Grants Received From the Los Angeles County Fish and Game Commission

1. June 2002, \$5,000.00 was granted for the July 12, 2002 Whittier Narrows Regional Park All INight Family Fishing Derby.
2. May 2003, \$5,000.00 was granted for the July 11, 2003, "All Night Family Fishing Derby" at Whittier Narrows Park-Legg Lake.
3. June 2004, \$5,000.00 was granted for the July 9, 2004, "All Night Family Fishing Derby" at Whittier Narrows Park-Legg Lake.



## **PROJECT INFORMATION**

### Statement of Justification of Need

In addition to recreational services provided at low or no cost to the patrons, this facility offers the public valuable learning opportunities by providing fishing clinics, free rod and reel loans, free bait, and volunteers to assist the youth in learning fishing techniques and answering any questions that the inner-city youth might have about the catch and release practice, identification of types of fish, and any other questions they may have to enhance their enjoyment of fishing. Legg Lake is located in a urban setting, located many miles from any other public fresh or ocean fishing facilities. Whittier Narrows, Legg Lake is one of the few locations that provide an opportunity for Fishing to inner-city youth.

### Statement and Purpose of Goals

Fishing derbies at County parks allows this Department to offer an additional recreational activity to the residents of Los Angeles County. Youth fishing clinics, youth and adult fishing derbies, and recreational fishing give urban dwellers the opportunity to experience the "rural" sport of fishing, while allowing the Department to control the quality and quantity of fish available for public fishing activities. In addition, providing these services encourages usage of Whittier Narrows lake facilities, thereby enhancing the attractiveness of this facility's amenities and preventing the unauthorized dumping of debris, waste materials and non-approved varieties of fish into the lakes.

### Action Plan to Meet Objectives

This program funding, if granted by the Fish and Game Commission, shall enhance and continue this facilities' efforts to provide increased the catfish population at Legg Lake.

By obtaining additional funding, Whittier Narrows Regional Park will work with the Department of Fish and Game Education Department in providing a low cost, safe, educational family-oriented all night fishing derby emphasizing the joys of Fishing.

Statement of How the Objectives Advance the Propagation and Protection of Fish and Wildlife

Through collaboration with the Fish and Game Education Department, Whittier Narrows would be enhancing the education of propagation and protection of fish and wildlife through the learning stations operated during the fishing derby. Only through education can we ensure the proper respect for the future of wildlife and fish. Moreover, by stocking the lakes with additional fish, we contribute to the balance and maintenance of the fish population at Legg Lake.

Project Budget and Timetable

The total cost of this program for Fiscal Year 2004 - 2005 is \$ 22,000.00. The fees cover administrative costs, advertising, additional stocking of 5000 pounds for all three lakes, two-way hand held radios, portable restrooms, portable hand wash stations, prizes, trophies, bait and tackle (for pole loan), portable lighting (for safety) and indirect costs incurred from the program. The remaining costs are covered by admission fees, donations and sponsorships. One of the most valuable cost savings is the dedication of over thirty volunteer that provide the technical support and man the educational stations during the event.

Whittier Narrows offers two additional fishing derbies which has proven to drain most of our resources for donations and sponsorships.

The programs costs have been calculated based upon the past All Night Fishing Derbys held at Whittier Narrows. Projected budget figures are bases on an inflation of 3% over the previous years' operating budget and utilizing all three lakes. Last year our attendance was reduced due to the West Nile Viruse media attention it received.

Sources of Other Support for Project

Currently, we are seeking additional sponsors. Support letters have been sent to major sporting good stores and private donors. The request is to encourage one of these major sources to subsidize the program for a minimum of five years. In addition, we will continue to solicit donations from various groups, businesses, and private sources to off set costs to assure that this valuable program continues for our youth and their families.



#### Current Status of Project

Currently, a special recreation fund has been set up to assist in funding of recreational programming. However, funding is not sufficient enough to cover total expenses and additional donations, both in-kind and monetary are being sought.

#### Cash Flow Analysis of the Expenditure of Project Funds

Budget is based on the total cost of expenses from previous All Night fishing derbys and utilizing all three lakes, due to the increased amount of participants from previous years. (See attached budget)

#### Proposed Method of Evaluating Results

The number of participants will be the major measurement of success. In addition, a registration form to be filled out by participants which will enable in monitoring age group and number of participants, first time participants and rod and reel borrowers, as well as the number and size of fish caught. Dollar value of in-kind materials, and volunteer time will be an indicator of money saved. Confirmation reports from this Department's field staff, will be used in addition to paid invoices to the catfish delivery vendor, verifying that the Fish and Game Commissions funds are used for the purchase of the additional catfish being stocked at the lakes as stated in the delivery schedule for the All Night Catfish Derby.

**Program Name: Whittier Narrows "All Night Family Fishing Derby"**

**Program Description:**

The County of Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation has scheduled a night of fishing for the entire family at Whittier Narrows Legg Lake on Friday, July 08, 2005 through Saturday, July 09, 2005. Lakes are stocked immediately prior to this event in order to assure a successful fishing derby. Last year families camped around the North, Middle and South lakes. *(Due to the increase in participants, all three lakes will be open.)* Activities include demonstrations and clinics to learn the basics of fishing, fly fishing and competitive fishing. Rod and reel loan will be available, (courtesy of the California Department of Fish and Game) prizes are raffled throughout the night, and awards at the end of the derby. Admission fees of \$3.00 for 16 and over, \$2.00 for 6 to 15 and 5 and under free.

**Standards of Service:**

One (1) Recreation Services Supervisor  
Five (5) Recreation Services Leaders  
Four (4) Cashiers  
Two (2) Lifeguards  
Four (4) County Police 8 hours each  
Portable restrooms and hand wash stations  
Hand held two-way radios  
Portable lighting courtesy of Edison  
One hundred and fifty (150) event T-shirts for volunteers  
One hundred (100) event T-shirts for raffle prizes  
Nine (9) Awards for age group 8 years old and under  
Nine (9) Awards for age group 9 years old to 15  
Nine (9) Awards for age group 16 years and older  
One thousand (1000) Cups with mealworms for bait  
Two thousand (2000) Bags with marshmallows for bait  
Five hundred (500) pounds of Mackerel  
One hundred fifty (150) Prizes for raffle  
Four thousand (4,000) Additional pounds of catfish for lake stocking  
*One thousand six hundred (1,600) pounds of catfish courtesy of DFG*

**Expenditures**

Whittier Narrows Regional Park Staff	\$ 5,972.00
Four (4) County Police @ \$51/hr * 8 hours each	\$ 1,632.00
Two Lifeguards@ \$13/hr *12 hours each	\$ 364.00
Two hundred fifty (250) T-shirts @ 6 dollars each	\$ 500.00
Twenty-seven (27) Derby Finalist Awards @ \$14 each	\$ 378.00
One thousand (1000) cups w/mealworms @ .50 each	\$ 1,000.00
Portable restrooms and hand wash stations	\$ 300.00
Hand held two-way radios	\$ 250.00
One hundred twenty five raffle prizes @	\$ 1,250.00
Four thousand pounds of catfish @ \$2.50 lb.	\$10,000.00

Total Expenses	<u>\$21,646.00</u>
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**Program Name: Whittier Narrows "All Night Family Fishing Derby"**

**Revenue:**

*(To be generated by monetary donations)*

Albertson's	\$ 1,000.00
Tet Festival	\$ 1,000.00
Wal-Mart (Ten prizes for raffle @ \$10.00 ea	\$ 100.00

*(To be generated if awarded \$5,000.00 grant request)*

Fish and Game Commission	\$ 5,000.00
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*(To be generated by in-kind donations)*

1600 pounds of catfish @\$2.50/lb. courtesy of DFG	\$ 4,000.00
10 gift cards valued at \$25 each	\$ 250.00
100lb. of mackerel for bait @ \$1/lb.	\$ 100.00

*(To be generated by admission fee)*

Admission fee includes overnight camping and parking (estimate only)	\$ 5,000.00
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Total Revenue Sources	<u>\$16,450.00</u>
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**PROGRAM BALANCE** *(Revenue minus Expenses)* **\$ 5,196.00**



Plans for Funding Ongoing Project (If Applicable)

Whittier Narrows staff has contacted Hooked On Fishing Int'l, "Wal-Mart Kids All American Fishing Derby" program to request sponsorship for fishing events scheduled this year. Major sporting good stores, department stores, youth oriented organizations are all being approached to support the All Night Catfish Derby.

Progress Reports (Bi-Yearly or Upon Completion, Whichever Occurs First)

As specified in the Fish and Game Commission's Information for Grant Applicants, this Department will provide the Fish and Game Commission with a progress report within two weeks of the completion of the program. Included in this report will be the program outline, number of participants, and a final line item budget.

Description of Organizational Structure or Organizational Chart

The Department of Parks and Recreation is a unit of County Government and is responsible to the Board of Supervisors. Russ Guiney is the Department Director and Mika Yamamoto is the Superintendent for Whittier Narrows Regional Park

Copy of the Latest IRS Determination Letter of Tax Exempt Status Under Section 501 (c) (3)

**Letter N/A**

**Tax ID# 95-6000927**

Most Recent Audited Financial Statement

**N/A**

Most Recent IRS Form 990

**N/A**